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New-England.

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A BRIEF
ENARRATION

OF THE AYRE,

Earth, Water, Fish and

Fowles of that Country.

WITH

A DESCRIPTION

of the Natures, Orders, Habits,

and Religion of the *Natives*;

IN

Latine and English Verse.

Sat brevè, si sat benè.

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TO
THE RIGHT
HONOURABLE
THE LORDS, AND THE

Right Worshipfull Knights and
Gentlemen; Adventurers for
NEW-ENGLAND.



That your favourable im-
ployments haue taught
me to obserue, I presume
here briefly to relate I
hope it will be accepta-
ble, because innocent,
though nothing excel-
lent. *Vera, non mira can,* assured that with your
more accurate judgements. *Plus valebit vera oratio
quam carminis candida & maxime compta in singulos pe-
des commensuratio.* Censure at the least would be
my best sentence, if I should answer such ser-
vice with a *NIHIL DICIT.* VVhen in
contempt of Envy, I may present your Coun-

The Epistle Dedicatorie.

cell with an *OMNE BENE*, at least, *Certū
spe boni*, if the three noble Mistresses of Monar-
chies, *Pietas*, *Pecunia*, and *Potentia*, royally vn-
dertake and resolutely continue constant fa-
• yourers to their well ordered and sweetly si-
tuated Colonies. Without these, at least the two
latter (I suppose vnder favour) the *Spaniard* and
Hollander had *ad Græcas callendū* rayed to such
sweet tones their westerne and easterne flou-
• rishing Plantations. But *illoꝝum postpono mea serua
ludo*. The keys of Kingdomes, judicious States-
men are best able to open and explicate these
closets and secrets of state. I may admire, but
scarce without offence obserue such princely
attempts and royall secrets. Yet giue me leaue
to you worthy favourers of Colonies, as in armes
and architecture to be your remembrancer,
first to accompt, and then to accomplish: so
power and abilitie shall crowne your proce-
dings with happie perfections. Beyond these
I presume nothing, onely wishing every per-
son in his severall sphere such happie motion
as may crowne him with immortall perfec-
tion.

Your Honors and Worships servant, late Preacher with the
Right Wor: Cap: Rob: Gorge late Governour of New-England.

WILLIAM MORRELL.



UNDERSTANDING READER;

VVhen my melancholly leasvres first conceived these
rude heroiks, my conscious Muse censured them too
tender-sighted to be admitted the common light.
Induced by some kinde friends, who are truly stu-
dious of the publique good, I was unwillingly wilking to adventure
them the publique censure, desirous, I ingenuously confesse. (and so I
professe my selfe ever) in my best endeavours, to further such royall
and religious employments: if my poore iudgement can assuredly ob-
serve p'ctie to be one prime end of plantation, and the under-taking
probable to prosper. If (Gentle Reader) these lines please thee,
peruse and use us gently: if not, Parce vati. You know that Ex
quolibet ligno non fit Mercurius. Besides, error in Poesie is
lesse blemish than in Historie. Experience cannot plaud me ignorant,
much lesse innocent, having seene and suffered. I should delude o-
thers vanâ spe, or falso gaudio. What can be expected from false
Relations, but unhappie proceedings, to the best intended, and most
hopefull Colonies. So that want of provisions, and right informati-
on, begets in the distracted planter nothing but maximes, fearefull
execrations, and sometimes miserable interitures. But of all such
perchance hereafter. These were at this time beyond my intent. I
onely now and ever desire that my best interse may for ever waite up-
on all truly zealous and religious planters and adventurers, who
seriously endeavour the dilating of Christs kingdome, in the propaga-
ting of the Gospel, and so adviseably undertake so weightie and so
worthie a Worke, as that they and theirs may paralell these wor-
thies of the world in all externall, internall, and eternall abundances.
Farewell with this our Memento; That the best intended coun-
sels, without an equiv lent ability, produce nothing but losse, dis-
contents, opprobries, and imperfections,

Thine if thy owne;

W. M.



¶ *Leſtori.*

Candide ſi placidum dederis Philomuse Camoenæ

Inuitum : trifti dulce levamen erit.

Optima mellifluis modulari carmina nervis

Illud Apollineis canibus euge melos.

Mellea coeleſte eſt effundere carmina munus,

Fruſtrà de ſicco pumice quæris aquam,

Dicite muſa probè, brevità, ſimul, ordine, perge:

Gloria ſumma tibi dicere vera : Vale.

Gul: M.

Perlege : pars ultima, prima.

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NOVA ANGLIA.

HActenus ignotam populis ego carmine primus,
Te Nova, de veteri cui contigit Anglia nomen,
Aggredior trepidus pingui celebrare Minervâ,
Fer mihi numen opem, cupienti singula plectro
Pandere veridico, qua nuper vidimus ipsi:
Vt breviter vereq, sonent modulamina nostra,
Temperiem cæli, vim terra, munera ponti,
Et varios gentis mores, velamina, cultus.
Anglia felici meritò Nova nomine gaudens,
Savos nativi mores pertasa Coloni,
Indigni penitus populi tellure feraci,
Mæsta supersusis attollit fletibus ora,
Antiquos precibus flectens ardentibus Anglos,
Numinis æterni falicem lumine gentem
Efficere: æternis qua nunc peritura tenebris.
Gratum opus hoc Indis, dignumq, pijs opus Anglis,
Angelica quibus est natura nomen in umbra:
Calica ut extremis dispergant semina terris.
Est locus occiduo procul hinc spatiosus in orbe,
Plurima regna tenens, populisq, incognitus ipsis:
Felix frugiferis sulcis, simul aquore felix:
Pradis perdives varijs, & flumine dives,
Axæ satis calidus, rigidoq, a frigore tutus.
Proximus aethereo socius volitabilis igni
Aer, natali saliens levitate & calore
Temperieq, satis falicibus, humidus ante

Nova - Anglia.

Omnia principia, innatâ virtute coactus
 Sistere difficile in propria regione, volenti
 Alterius motu penetrans loca, inania complens
 Vi tenui: fata regio qua proxima terra
 Solis ab igne, poli motu, terrâq; vaporum,
 Undaq; attractu calet hinc, hinc humida restat,
 Hinc fit temperies: fit & hæc Nova terra beata:
 Est aliquando tamèn rapidis subiecta procellis,
 Quæ sceleri subitoq; solumq; salumq; minantur,
 Flamme corripere, & terras diffundere calis:
 Mox tamèn Æolio compressis carcere ventis
 Omnia continuò remanent sub sidere tuta.
 Inde suis vicibus luctantes murmure venti
 Qua data porta ruunt, quatientes turbine terras.
 Magna pareos tellus, rerum communis alumna,
 Frigida sicca gravis subsidens vallibus imis,
 Montibus extendens nemerosa cacumina celsis
 Longius intuitu nautis pergrata: feraci
 Irriguoq; solo letanti messibus aquis
 Optima frugiferis mandantes semina sulcis.
 Agricolis quam terra ferax, quæ grata ministrat
 Assiduis alimenta viris: nulloq; serenti
 Dulcia dat varia natura mora nuceq;
 Dissimiles, placidas tumidasq; in vitibus uvas
 Innumeris, mixtas redolentes floribus herbas
 Multigenis, morbo læsos medicare potentes
 Artus, radices similis virtutis amenas.
 Dimine gramineo nux subterranea suavis
 Serpit humi, tenuiq; flavo sub cortice, pingui
 Et placido nucleo nivei candoris ab intra,
 Melliflua parcus hilarans dulcedine gustus,
 Donec in æstivum Phœbus conscenderit axem.

Nova - Anglia.

*His nūq̃is lautè versutus vescitur Indus:
His exempta fames segnis nostratibus omnis
Dulcibus his vires revocantur victibus a'ma.
Arboribus dives vernantibus, est quoq̃ tellus
Cedris, & fagis, Iuglandibus & Iovis altâ
Arbore, fraxineâ, gummosis pinibus, alnis,
Iuniperis, multisq̃ alijs tum gramine & herbis,
Pascua qua præbent animalibus, unde fugaces
Pinguescunt cervi, vulpes ursiq̃ lupiq̃
Lince, & fibri, musci, lutraq̃ polita
Pellibus eximij pretij, volucresq̃ saporis
Perplacidi varia, pelliq̃ gruesq̃ palumbes,
Megulus & Phasianus, anas, cignus Iovis ales,
Penelopesq̃, columba, perdix, accipitresq̃,
Et capitolij aves varia tum carne saporâ,
Tum pennis placide decorantibus arte canautas:
Equibus ornatu capitis, sit plumula digna
Vertice sublimi, quibus ad renovanda levanda,
Languida perplacidum completur membra cubile.
Intima frugifera vix cognita viscera terra
Prætereo: artifices gremium scrutentur opimum.
Dulce solum calumq̃, vides en terra serenis,
Perspicuis, placidis, levibus, liquidisq̃ beata
Fontibus, & fluvijs facili quarentibus Eurum—
Motu, præcipiti cursu post flumina nimbo—
In mare decurrunt stagnisq̃ paludibus Indis,
Aucupio placidis bene, piscatuq̃ colonis.
Grata solum, calumq̃, viris alimonia præbent.
Devia quam dives regio hæc? benedicta sereno
Aere, fecundis glebis, felicibus undis.
Prospera tranquillæ contingit littora portus
Altus, apertus, ubi valeant se condere naves—*

Nova-Anglia.

Invitis ventis, secura, rupe & arenâ,
 Equora multiplices præbent tranquilla marinas
 Temporibus solitis pradas utentibus hamis:
 Halices, fagros, scombros cancroq; locustas,
 Ostrea curvatis conchis, conchasq; trigones
 Cete etiam rhombos, sargos, cum squatina a'ellos.
 His naves vastas onerat piscator honestus:
 His mercator opes cumulat venerabilis almas,
 His pius ampla satis faciat sibi lucra colonus:
 Deniq; divitibus quibus intima cura suorum
 Divitiæ & pietas, licet hisce beare colonos.
 Digna viris patria endignis, ubi mania digna.
 Principibus claris facile est fabricare columnis
 Excelsis, cheu nunc tota cupidinis antrum.
 Sunt etenim populi minimi sermonis, & oris
 Austeri, risusq; parum lævig, superbi,
 Constricto nodis hirsuto crine sinistro,
 Imparibus formis tondentes ordine villos,
 Mollia magnanime peragentes otia gentes,
 Arte sagittiferâ pollentes, cursibus, armis
 Astuta, recto, robusto corpore & alto,
 Pellibus induste cervinis, frigora contra
 Aspera, cum placeant conversis flamina pelles
 Obvia ut, impellant, calefacto pelle lacerto
 Dextro, quo facilis sit flexile sumere cornu,
 Omnia ut extinguant subito in surgentia, & ipsos
 Salvos defendant, inducto tergore corpus
 Villosa, leviter miris se singula formis
 Texta ligant, molles cingunt genitalia pelles,
 Grande femur caligæ cervinæ curaq; longa
 Exornant, plantas conservat calceus aptus,
 Hos tamen exutos curant aliunde reversi

Nova - Anglia.

Depositosq; suos calamos, arcuq; sonantes,
Fessaq; constrato sua stramine membra soluta
Tectis instar hara, dextrè loca verna petentes,
Adveniente hiemis g'aciali tempore sava,
Inq; suam patriam redeuntes sole benigno
Calfaciente leves artus fervore, revisa
Vt pereant inimica, solvq; nocentia, frugem
Detq; solum solitam, rutilis dant ignibus arva.
Horum nonnulli regali nomine gaudent,
Et consorte tori progeneratâ sanguine tali,
Regibus unde pari fuerit virtute propago,
Rectores faciens regali prole parentes:
Inferiore sibi capientes stirpe maritas,
Progeniem timidam credunt, cordisq; socordis
Nec solij, sceptrive sui fore posse capacem.
Rex tenet imperium, panas & pramia cunctis
Constituit, dat iura; senes, viduasq; pupillos
Et miseros curat, peregrinos moliter omnes
Excipit hospitio semper, tamen inde (tributi
Nemine) primitias rerum partemq; priorem,
Ventu capta praeda capit, atq; requirit.
Cingitur obsequio regis plebs omnis, & ultrò
Arma capit, fortiq; facit sua praelia, dextrâ
Pallida lethiferis, faciens praeordia telis
Hostium, & expugnans sceleratis fata sagittis.
Insuper ornavit quorum Bellona corollâ
Tempora, praesidio, vitâ, virtute virili,
Regibus incedunt comites tutamine certo.
His reges capiunt consultis cautius arma;
Cautius exactis faciunt his fadera bellis:
Eloquijs horum concedere regibus omnis
Subsidium, quodcunq; valet, plebs alma movetur,

Nova-Anglia.

Mundi acie tantum semel unde profecta reversa.
 Nec prius excercet crudelia paruulus arma,
 Quam patiens armorum ut sit sibi pectus, amaram
 Herbis compositam peramaris sorbiat undam,
 Usq; in sanguineum vertatur lymphæ colorem,
 Undaq; sanguinea ex vomitu rebibenda tenellis,
 Usq; valeat miribus: sic fit natura parata
 Omnia dura pati: puer hæc cui potio grata,
 Pectore fit validi cuncta expugnare pericla.
 Magnanimis medici comites virtute periti
 Artibus æmpericis, diro contamine, tactu,
 Fletu, sudore, & percusso pectore palmis,
 Duriter expaßis proprio, pallentia eorum
 Corpora restitunt facili medicamine sana:
 Vulnere sanandi si nulla potentia verbis,
 Artibus aut herbis, confestim spiritus illis,
 Impius humanæ specie respondet iniquis,
 Reddidit iratus Deus artus morte solutos
 Moribus: unde dolor nullis medicabilis herbis.
 Deniq; sunt populi fungentes munere iusso,
 Instar servorum, quæcunq; subire parati
 Ardua, consilijs subiecti, scæmina, fumus,
 Indicus ad certos inhibetur, & omnibus annos.
 Postea liberior concessa potentia cunctis,
 Connubio multas sibi coniunxisse maritas:
 Ditior est plures nuptas qui duxerit omnis,
 Viribus, & natis: nati quia summa parentum
 Gaudia, descessus quorum (nam mortis hiatus
 Compressos lachrimis decorant) longoq; graviq;
 Commemorant luctu, tumuliq; cadavera mandant.
 A genibus subrecta cavis pallentia cuncta;
 Impositis opibus tumulis, Titanis ad ortus,

Attollunt

Nova - Anglia.

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*Attollunt facies, ad quem post tempora longa
 Venturos credunt omnes, ubi premia digna
 Imposita accipient, fuerintq; salutis ad hortos
 Elysios vecti, mirandaq; gaudia, summis
 Exornata bonis: hæc spes post funera gentis.
 Est alia utilitas, multis vxoribus arva,
 Valde onerata tenent Cerealibus, omnis eorum
 Nocte dieq; cibo gaudet quasi natus ut omnes
 Illicò consumat fruges, sua granaq; (Marte
 Aripiente manu penetrantia tela) minutis,
 Abdita speluncis tutis, & ab hostibus, hoste
 Decedente suo subito repetenda reponit.
 Artibus Hybernus produxit temporis olim
 Multum, Marte, levis, virsutus, durus, inermis,
 Difficile edomitus donec secreta latebant
 Iudicia, atq; doli taciti: sit & arte superstes.
 Sapius hac Indus, victoris victor & ingens,
 Femina prætereà vultu plerumq; venusto,
 Multos irridens risus, linguamq; loquacem;
 Iudicioq; gravi, genio placidoq; virili
 Pectore, perrecta corpus per & omne statura:
 Nervis conexâ validis, manibusq; tenellis,
 Pollice pergracili, digitis feliciter altis.
 Inclita diversis faciendo est gramine corbes
 Contextos formis, varioq; colore tapetum
 Stramine compositum tenui, mirisq; figuris.
 His decor eximius color est contrarius alba:
 Ortibus undè suis per totum candidus artus
 Et piceo facies est obscurata colore.
 Consuetudo tamen populis his femina ut omnis,
 Omnia perficiat duri mandata laboris:
 Arva fodit manibus, committit semina terris,*

Nova - Anglia.

*Vtq; seges crescit levibus fulcitur ab illa,
 Continuo terris, segitem sarritq; resarit,
 Tergore portat onus, victumq; labore paratum,
 Et breviter peragit mu'ier conamine prompto,
 Omnia ad humanam spectantia munera vitam.
 Hinc Anglos Indi stolidos dixere maritos,
 Cum videant operis ferventes omnibus illos,
 Attamen uxores omnem deducere vitam
 Molli, vel nullo fangendi munere dextrâ.
 Quamlibet ob noxam manet altâ mente reposta
 Invidia & dirum gelido sub pectore vulnus.
 Vnde fugit sce'eri pede fortia fortis in arma
 Hostis, & inde sui latans fit sponsa cubilis.
 Præda satis felix; hinc cicta iniuria mentis,
 Deniq; cuiusdam cultores numinis omnes
 Sunt, cui primitias reddunt, quotiesq; necesse
 Fortia discruciat miserabile pectora, luctu
 Acriq; horrendis clamoribus athera complent.
 Omnia principio fecisse agnoscitur illis,
 Vnum principium, primos crevisse parentes,
 Vnum terrarum dominum, consorte; duobus
 His mortale genus divam sumpsisse figuram:
 Quorum progenies illi, quoq; stirpe racemi.
 Insupèr hunc dominum dominis posuisse creatis,
 Optima iustitiæ sacræ præcepta docenda,
 Sacro perpetuis ætatibus omnia iussu.
 Hactenus est omnis longævæ litera genti
 Vix audita, viris penitusq; incognita cunctis.
 Fas, non quid fasti: falsum non, fœdera curant:
 Lumine naturæ summi sunt iuris amantes
 Promissiq; dati; tanti sunt fœdera genti.
 Nulla fides populis tamèn est capiente sagittas.*

Nova - Anglia.

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Marte feras, fueris nisi sevis fortior armis.
Litera cuncta licet latet hos, modulamina quedam
Fistula disparibus calamus facit, est & agrestis
Musica vocis ijs, minimè iucundi, sonoris
Obtusisq; sonis oblectans pectora, sensus,
Atq; suas aures, artis sublimis inanes.
Omnes, præsertim multos proventus in annos,
Indus, quid cæli, cursus, quid sidera, vires
Sunt, benè concipiunt animis, cælumq; futurum:
Quâ mihi notitiâ latet, aut quo numine certo.
Festa tamen gens nulla nisi Cerealìa servat:
Genti nulla dies sancto discrimine nota:
Annus & ignotus, notus tamen est bene mensis,
Nam sua lunari distinguunt tempora motu,
Non quot Phæbus habet cursus, sed quot sua coniux
Expletos vicibus convertat Cinthia cursus:
Noctibus enumerant sua tempora, nulla diebus.
Mosq; dijs Indis est inservire duobus,
Quorum mollis, amans, bona dans, inimica repellens.
Vnus, amore bonum venerantur: at invidus alter
Dios effundens cum turbine, fulgura, nimbos,
Afficiensq; malis varijs, morbisq; nefandis,
Et violentis: hunc gelidâ formidine adorant.
Natura gens luce sua sublimia tentat,
Agnosces præcepta dei pia singula summi,
Excepto de ducendis vxoribus uno,
Affectis etenim morbis vxoribus illis,
Vel gravidis, alijs opus est vxoribus illis.
Heu quam dissimilis natura, gratia vera,
Humana & ratio. Sublimia gratia vita
Aspicit æterna fidei bonitate potita:
Enervata suis ratio at virtutibus æquis.

Nova - Anglia.

*Illi nulla manet vera scintilla salutis,
 Talia quis fando lachrimas non fundit amaras,
 Divina lucis, virtutis visq; capacem
 Gentem, cælestis, vera pietatis inanem.
 Flebilis arduos mitti Phlegetontis in undas.
 Aspicias effigiem terra, levis aetheris, unda:
 Aspicias antiqua mores, velamina, gentis:
 Aspicias optatos, hilarantia littora, portus:
 Aspicias his modicum feliciter (Ente faventi
 Cælesti captis) letantia singula votum.
 Si mea Barbaricæ profint conamina genti:
 Si valet Anglignis incompta placere poesis:
 Et sibi perfaciles hac reddere gente potentes,
 Assiduosq; pios sibi persuadere Colonos:
 Si doceat primi vitam victumq; parentis
 Angli si fuerint Indis exempla beatè
 Vivendi, capiant quibus ardua limina cæli:
 Omnia succedunt votis: modulamina spero
 Hac mea sublimis fuerint præsagia regni.*

New-England



New-England so nam'd by your Princely Grace,
Dread Sovereigne, now, most humbly sues to see
 Your *Royall Highnes* in your *Regall* place,
 Wishing your Grace all peace, blisse, soveraignty,
 Trusting your Goodnesse will her state and fame
 Support, wch goodnesse once vouchsaf'd her
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If thou Apollo hold'st thy Scepter forth,
 To these bash numbers that's thy Royall worth.
 Vaine is all search in these to search that vaine,
 Whose stately style is great Apollos straine.
 Minerva ne're distill'd into my Muse
 Her sacred droppes, my pumel'se wants all iuce.
 My Muse is plaine con cise her fam's to tell
 In truth, and method. Loue, or leane: Farewell.



NEVV.



N E W - E N G L A N D .

FEare not poore Muse, 'cause first to sing her fame;
That's yet scarce known, vnlesse by Map or names;
A Grand-childe to earths Paradize is borne,
Well lim'd, well nerv'd, faire, rich, sweete, yet forlorne.
Thou blest director so direct my Verse,
That it may winne her people, friends commerce;
Whilst her sweet ayre, rich soile, blest Seas, my penne
Shall blaze, and tell the natures of her men.
New-England, happie in her new true stile,
Wearie of her cause she's to sad exile
Expos'd by her's vnworthy of her Land,
Intreates with teares *Great Brittain* to command
Her Empire, and to make her know the time,
Whole act and knowledge onely makes divine.
A Royall worke well worthy *Englands* King,
These Natives to true truth and grace to bring.
A Noble worke for all these Noble Peares
Which guide this State in their superiour spheres.
You holy *Aarons* let your Sensors nere
Cease burning, till these men *Iehovah* feare.
Westward a thousand leagues a spacious land,
Is made vnknowne to them that it command.
Of fruitfull mould, and no lesse fruitlesse maine
Inrich with springs and prey high-land and plaine.
The light well tempred, humid ayre, whose breath
Fills full all concaues betwixt heaven and earth,

So that the Region of the ayre is blest
 With what Earths mortals wish to be possesst.
 Great *Titan* darts on her his heavenly rayes,
 Whereby extreames he quells, and overswayes.
 Blest is this ayre with what the ayre can blesse;
 Yet frequent ghasts doe much this place distresse:
 Here vntene ghasts doe instant on-let giue,
 As heaven and earth they would together drive.
 An instant power doth surprize their rage,
 In their vast prison, and their force asswage.
 Thus in exchange a day or two is spent,
 In smiles and frownes: in great yet no content.
 The earth grand-parent to all things on earth,
 Cold, dry, and heavie, and the next beneath
 The ayre by Natures arme with low discents,
 Is as it were intrencht; againe ascents
 Mount vp to heaven by *Ioues* omnipotence,
 Whose looming greenesse ioyes the Sea-mans sence.
 Invites him to a land if he can see,
 Worthy the Thrones of stately soveraigntie.
 The fruitfull and well watered earth doth glad
 All hearts; when *Flora's* with her spangles clad,
 And yeelds an hundred fold for one,
 To feede the Bee and to invite the drone.
 O happie Planter if you knew the height
 Of Planters honours where ther's such delight;
 There Natures bounties though not planted are,
 Great store and sorts of berries great and faire:
 The Filberd, Cherry, and the fruitfull Vine,
 Which cheares the heart and makes it more divine.
 Earths spangled beauties pleasing smell and sight;
 Objects for gallant choyce and chiefe delight.

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A ground-Nut there runnes on a grasse threed,
Along the shallow earth, as in a bed,
Yealow without, thin, filmd, sweete, lilly white,
Of strength to feede and cheare the appetite.
From these our natures may haue great content,
And good substance when our meanes is spent.
With these the Natiues doe their strength maintaine
The Winter season, which time they retaine
Their pleasant vertue, but if once the Spring
Returne, they are not worth the gathering.
All ore that Maine the Vernant trees abound,
Where Cedar, Cypres, Spruce, and Beech are found.
Ash, Oake, and Wal-nut, Pines and Iunipere;
The Hasel, Palme, and hundred more are there.
Ther's grasse and hearbs contenting man and beast,
On which both Deare, and Beares, and Wolues do feast.
Foxes both gray and blacke, (though blacke I never
Beheld,) with Muscats, Lynces, Otter, Bever;
With many other which I here omit,
Fit for to warme vs, and to feede vs fit.
The Fowles that in those Bayes and Harbours feede,
Though in their seasons they doe elf-where breede,
Are Swans and Geese, Herne, Pheasants, Duck & Crane,
Culvers and Divers all along the Maine:
The Turtle, Eagle, Partridge, and the Quaille,
Knot, Plover, Pigeons, which doe never taile,
Till Sommers heate commands them to retire,
And Winters cold begets their old desire.
With these sweete dainties man is sweetly fed,
With these rich feathers Ladies plume their head;
Here's flesh and feathers both for vse and ease,
To feede, adorne, and rest thee if thou please.

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The treasures got, on earth, by *Titans* beames,
 They best may search that haue best art and meanes.
 The ayre and earth if good, are blessings rare,
 But when with these the waters blessed are,
 The place is compleat, here each pleasant spring,
 Is like those fountaines where the *Muses* sing.
 The easie channels gliding to the East,
 Vnlesse overflowed, then past to be releast,
 The Ponds and places where the waters stay,
 Content the Fowler with all pleasant prey.
 Thus ayre and earth and water giue content,
 And highly honour this rich Continent.
 As Nature hath this Soile blest, so each port
 Abounds with blisse, abounding all report.
 The carefull Naucleare may a-farre discry
 The land by smell, aft' loomes below the skie.
 The prudent Master there his Ship may more,
 Past winde and weather, then his God adore,
 Man forth each Shalop with three men to Sea;
 Which oft returne with wondrous store of prey;
 As Oysters, Cra fish, Crab, and Lobsters great,
 In great abundance when the Seaes retreat:
 Tortoise, and Herring, Turbut, Hacke and Base,
 With other small fish, and fresh bleeding Place;
 The mightie Whale doth in these Harbours lye,
 Whose Oyle the carefull Merchant deare will buy.
 Besides all these and others in this Maine:
 The costly Codd doth march with his rich traine:
 With which the Sea-man fraughts his merry Ship:
 With which the Merchant doth much riches get:
 With which Plantations richly may subsist,
 And pay their Merchants debt and interest:

Thus

Thus ayre and earth, both land and Sea yeelds store
Of Natures dainties both to rich and poore;
To whom if heavens a holy *Vice-ray* giue,
The state and people may most richly liue:
And there erect a *Pyramy* of estate,
Which onely linne and Heaven can ruinate.
Let deepe discretion this great worke attend,
What's well begun for th'most part well doth end:
So may our people peace and plentie finde,
And kill the Dragon that would kill mankind.
Those well seene Natiues in graue Natures hests,
All close designs conceale in their deepe brests:
What strange attempts so ere they doe intend,
Are fairely vsurd in, till their last ende.
Their well advised talke evenly conueyes
Their acts to their intents, and nere displayes
Their secret proiects, by high words or light,
Till they conclude their end by fraud or might.
No former friendship they in minde retaine;
If you offend once, or your loue detaine:
They're wondrous cruell, strangely base and vile,
Quickly displeasd, and hardly reconcild;
Stately and great, as read in Rules of state:
Incensd, not caring what they perpetrate.
Whose hayre is cut with greeces, yet a locke
Is left; the left side bound vp in a knott:
Their males small labour but great pleasure know,
Who nimble and expertly draw the bow;
Traind vp to suffer cruell heate and cold,
Or what attempt so ere may make them bold;
Of body straightr, tall, strong, mantled in skin
Of Deare or Bever, with the hayre-side in;

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An Otter skin their right armes doth keepe warme,
 To keepe them fit for vse, and free from harme;
 A Girdle set with formes of birds or beasts,
 Begirts their waste, which gently giues them ease.
 Each one doth modestly binde vp his shame,
 And Deare-skin Start-vps reach vp to the same;
 A kinde of *Pinsen* keeps their feete from cold,
 Which after travels they put off, vp-fold,
 Themselues they warme, their vngirt limbes they rest
 In straw, and houses, like to flies: distressed
 With Winters cruell blasts, a hotter clime
 They quickly march to, when that extreame time
 Is over, then contented they retire
 To their old homes, burning vp all with fire.
 Thus they their ground from all things quickly cleare,
 And make it apt great store of Corne to beare.
 Each people hath his orders, state, and head,
 By which they'r rul'd, taught, ordered, and lead.
 The first is by discent their Lord and King,
 Pleas'd in his name likewise and governing:
 The consort of his bed must be of blood
 Coequall, when an of-spring comes as good,
 And highly bred in all high parts of state,
 As their Commanders of whom they're prognate.
 If they vnequall loues at hymens hand
 Should take, that vulgar seede would nere command
 In such high dread, great state and deepe decrees
 Their Kingdomes, as their Kings of high degrees:
 Their Kings giue lawes, rewards to those they giue,
 That in good order, and high service liue.
 The aged Widow and the Orphanes all,
 Their Kings maintaine, and strangers when they call,
 They

They entertaine with kinde salute for which,
In homage, they haue part of what's most rich.
These heads are guarded with their stoutest men,
By whose advice and skill, how, where, and when,
They enterprize all acts of consequence,
Whether offensive or for safe defence.
These Potents doe invite all once a yeare,
To giue a kinde of tribute to their peere.
And here obserue thou how each childe is traint,
To make him fit for Armes he is constraind
To drinke a potion made of hearbs most bitter,
Till turnd to blood with casting, whence he's fitter,
Induring that to vnder-goe the worst
Of hard attempts, or what may hurt him most.
The next in order are their well seene men
In herbes, and rootes, and plants, for medicen,
With which by touch, with clamors, teares, and sweat,
With their curst Magicke, as themselues they beat,
They quickly ease: but when they cannot saue,
But are by death surprizd, then with the graue
The diuell tells them he could not dispence;
For God hath kild them for some great offence.
The lowest people are as servants are,
Which doe themselues for each command prepare:
They may not marry nor Tobacco vse,
Tell certaine yeares, least they themselues abuse.
At which yeares to each one is granted leaue,
A wife, or two, or more, for to receiue;
By having many wiues, two things they haue,
First, children, which before all things to saue
They covet, 'cause by them their Kingdomes fild,
When as by fate or Armes their liues are spild.

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Whose

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Whose death as all that dye they sore lament,
 And fill the skies with cryes: impatient
 Of nothing more then pale and fearefull death,
 Which old and young becaues of vitall breath;
 Their dead wrapt vp in Mats to th' graue they giue,
 Vpright from th knees, with goods whilst they did liue,
 Which they best lou'd: their eyes turn'd to the East,
 To which after much time, to be releast
 They all must March, where all shall all things haue
 That heart can wish, or they themselues can craue.
 A second profit which by many wiues
 They haue, is Corne, the staffe of all their liues.
 All are great eaters, he's most rich whose bed
 Affords him children, profit, pleasure, bread.
 But if fierce *Mars*, begins his bow to bend,
 Each King stands on his guard, seeks to defend
 Himselfe, and his, and therefore hides his graine
 In earths close concaues, to be fetch'd againe
 If he survives: thus saving of himselfe,
 He acts much mischief, and retains his wealth.
 By this deepe wyle, the *Irish* long withstood
 The *English* power, whilst they kept their food,
 Their strength of life their Corne; that lost, they long
 Could not withstand this Nation, wise, stout, strong.
 By this one Art, these Natiues oft suruiue
 Their greatst opponents, and in honour thriue.
 Besides, their women, which for th'most part are
 Of comely formes, not blacke, nor very faire:
 Whose beantie is a beauteous blacke laid on
 Their paler cheeke, which they most doat vpon.
 For they by Nature are both faire and white,
 Inricht with gracefull presence, and delight;

Deriding

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Deriding laughter, and all prating, and
Of sober aspect, graft with graue command:
Of man-like courage, stature tall and straight,
Well neru'd, with hands and fingers small and right.
Their slender fingers on a grassie twyne,
Make well form'd Baskets wrought with art and lyne;
A kinde of Arras, or Straw-hangings, wrought
With diuers formes, and colours, all about.
These gentle pleasures, their fine fingers fit,
Which Nature seem'd to frame rather to sit.
Rare Stories, Princes, people, Kingdomes, Towers,
In curious finger-worke, or Parchment flowers:
Yet are these hands to labours all intent,
And what so ere without doores, giue content.
These hands doe digge the earth, and in it lay
Their faire choyce Corne, and take the weeds away
As they doe grow, raysing with earth each hill,
As *Ceres* prospers to support it still.
Thus all worke-women doe, whilst men in play,
In hunting, Armes, and pleasures, end the day.
The *Indians* whilst our *Englishmen* they see
In all things servile exercis'd to be:
And all our women freed, from labour all
Vnlesse what's easie: vs much fooles they call,
'Cause men doe all things; but our women liue
In that content which God to man did giue:
Each female likewise long reteines deepe wrath,
And s nere appeas'd till wrongs reveng'd shee hath:
For they when forraigne Princes Armes vp take
Against their Leige, quickly themselues betake
To th'adverse Armie, where they're entertaind
With kinde salutes, and presently are daign'de

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Worthy faire *Hymens* favours : thus offence
 Obtaines by them an equall recompence.
 Lastly, though they no lynés, nor Altars know,
 Yet to an vnkowne God these people bow ;
 All feare some God, some God they worship all,
 On whom in trouble and distresse they call ;
 To whom of all things they giue sacrifice,
 Filling the ayre with her shrill shrikes and cries.
 The knowledge of this God they say they haue
 From their forefathers, wondrous wise and graue;
 Who told them of one God, which did create
 All things at first, himselfe though increate :
 He our first parents made, yet made but two,
 One man one woman, from which stocke did grow
 Royall mankinde, of whom they also came
 And tooke beginning, being, forme and frame :
 Who gaue them holy lawes, for aye to last,
 Which each must teach his childe till time be past :
 Their grosse fed bodies yet no Letters know,
 No bonds nor bills they value, but their vow.
 Thus without Arts bright lampe, by Natures eye,
 They keepe iust promise, and loue equitie.
 But if once discord his fierce ensigne weare,
 Expect no promise vnlesse be for feare :
 And, though these men no Letters know, yet their
Pans harsher numbers we may some where heare :
 And vocall odes which vs affect with griefe,
 Though to their mindes perchance they giue reliefe.
 Besides these rude insights in Natures brest,
 Each man by some meanes is with sence possesse
 Of heavens great lights, bright starres and influence,
 But chiefly those of great experience:

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Yet they no feasts (that I can learne) obserue,
Besides their *Ceres*, which doth them preserue.
No dayes by them descern'd from other dayes,
For holy certaine service kept alwayes.
Yet they when extreame heate doth kill their Corne,
Afflict themselves some dayes, as men forelorne.
Their times they count not by the yeare as we,
But by the Moone their times distinguish'd be.
Not by bright *Phæbus*, or his glorious light,
But by his *Phæbe* and her shadowed night.
They now accustom'd are two Gods to serue,
One good, which giues all good, and doth preserue;
This they for loue adore: the other bad,
Which hurts and wounds, yet they for feare are glad
To worship him: see here a people who
Are full of knowledge, yet doe nothing know
Of God aright; yet say his Lawes are good
All, except one, whereby their will's withstood.
In having many wiues, if they but one
Must haue, what must they doe when they haue none.
O how farre short comes Nature of true grace,
Grace sees God here; hereafter face to face:
But Nature quite encru'd of all such right,
Reteines not one poore sparckle of true light.
And now what soule dissolues not into teares,
That hell must haue ten thousand thousand heires,
Which haue no true light of that truth diuine,
Or sacred wisdom of th' Eternall Trine.
O blessed *England* farre beyond all sence,
That knowes and loues this Trines omnipotence.
In brieue survey here water, earth, and ayre,
A people proud and what their orders are.

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The fragrant flowers, and the Vernant Groues,
The merry Shores, and Storme-affranting Coues.
In brieft, a brieft of what may make man blest,
If man's content abroad can be possesst.
If these poore lines may winne this Country loue,
Or kinde compassion in the *English* moue;
Perswade our mightie and renowned State,
This pore-blinde people to comiserate;
Or painefull men to this good Land invite,
Whose holy workes these Natiues may inlight:
If Heavens graunt these, to see here built I trust,
An *English* Kingdome from this *Indian* dust.

F I N I S.

Excuse

EXcuse this Postscript, perchance more profitable than the Prescript. It may be a necessary Caveat for many who too familiarly doe Sciò sapere. The discreet artificer is not onely happie to understand what may sayrely and infallibly further his duly considered designes and determinations: but to discover and remoue what obstacle soever may oppose his well-advised purposes, and probable conclusions. I therefore, desiring that every man may be a Prometheus, not an Epimethius, have here underwritten such imbediments as I haue observed wonderfully offensive to all Plantations; Quæ prodesse quæ tant & delectare legentem.

First therefore I conceive that far distance of plantations produce many inconveniences and disabilities of planters, when as severall Colonies consist but of twentie, or thirtie, or about that number, which in a vast uncommanded Continent, makes them liable to many and miserable exigents, which weakens all union, and leaves them difficultly to be assisted against a potent or a daily enemy, and dangerously to be commanded; when as some one Bay well fortified would maintaine and enrich some thousands of persons, if it be planted with men, able, ingenious, and laborious, being well furnished with all provisions and necessaries for plantations. Besides, if one Bay be well peopled, its easily defended, surveyed, disciplined, and commanded, be the seasons never so unseasonable, and all their Forces in few houres readie in Armes, either offensively to pursue, or defensively to subsist convenient numbers ever at sea, and sufficient ever at home for a'l service, intelligence and discoverie.

Secondly, Ignorance of seasons, servants, situation, want of people, provisions, supplies, with resolution, courage and patience, in and against all opposition, ~~distresse~~ and affliction.

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Vincit patientia durum. Fishermen, manuell artificers, engeners, and good fowlers are excellent servants, and onely fit for plantations. Let not Gentlemen or Citizens once imagine that I preiudize their reputations, for I speake no word beyond truth, for they are too high, or not patient of such service: though they may be very necessary for Martia'll discipline, or excellent, (ispious) for example to the seditious and inconsiderate multitude.

Boats with all their furniture, as sayles, hookes, and lines, and other appendences, afford the painefull planter both varietie of comfort, and a sufficient competent, and an happie estate. Good mastiues are singular defences to plantations, in the terrifying or pursuing of the light-footed Natiues. Hogs and Goats are easie, present, and abundant profit, living and feeding on the Ile-lands, almost without any care or cost.

Plantations cannot possibly, profitably subsist without chattels and boats, which are the onely meanes for surveying and conveying both our persons and provisions to the well advised scituation. without these, plantations may with much patience, and well fortified resolution indure but difficultly, though with much time flourish and contentedly subsist. For when men are landed upon an unknowne shore, per adventure weake in number and naturall powers, for want of boats and carriages; are compelled to stay where they are first landed, having no meanes to remoue themselves or their goods, be the place never so fruitlesse or inconvenient for planting, building houses, boats, or stages, or the harbours never so unfit for fishing, fowling, or mooring their boats. Of all which, and many other things necessary for plantation, I purpose to enforme thee hereafter. wishing thee in the interim all furtherance, all fortunatenesse.

Farewell.

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